In June of last year the Thrift Shop was told they would have to move. So we started looking and talking. It was important to be downtown and downtown rentals were way out of our budget. We even talked of buying, but there again, downtown property was too high. Finally, Jim Garrett, an antique dealer, who owns a building downtown, came up with the answer. His basement, which fronts on Center Street, was being used for storage. A good deal of remodeling had to be done. C. C. and Mark, along with other volunteer help, put in a false ceiling and built a storage room and, in spite of it being off the main drag, it has prospered. Sales have been greater than ever. Much thanks are due to Jo and the loyal bunch of women who keep the shop open six days a week. The proceeds of the Shop go a long way in financing the operation of the Shelter.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOREST

A small feminine group from the Board decorated a Christmas tree with lots of red felt puppies and a few cats, for the annual Christmas Tree Forest sponsored by the local Senior Center. Our dog and cat tree was featured in a full page of the local paper.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Bring or send your sales slips from any Phillips Super Market. This last year we have received checks from the Phillips Friendship Fund in the amount of $51.75 and each month the amount increases.

Save your Purina Dog Food Weight Circles. This past year we have received coupons worth $465.00 to apply on our food bill for the Shelter. You may mail these weight circles to us, leave them at the Thrift Shop or give them to any member of the Board.

We need help with keeping the underbrush cut around the Shelter. If you know of a Boy Scout Troop or any organization of young men who are looking for an opportunity to do a good deed, let us hear from you.

The Shelter needs painters. This is a "never ending job."

We need you at the meetings. Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be held Monday, May 16 at 2:00 P.M. in the hospitality room of First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n. The nominating committee, appointed by our President, has unanimously suggested that the three incumbents in the three terms expiring this month be re-appointed. This will be voted on at this meeting. Please come.

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

To all of our loyal volunteers, our generous contributors, Dorothy Marie for our letterheads and signs at the Shop, Virginia Tyler for mentioning us in her popular column and, most of all, to the warm hearted people who adopt our animals and give them a new lease on life. God Bless.